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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2015

Approved
8/24/2015
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MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT (cont.)	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Michael Johnson, Esq., <i>Co-Chair</i>	Terry Smith, MPA/Traci Bivens-Davis	Edd Cockrell	Sawn McClendon
Ricky Rosales, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Kevin Stalter	Kevin Donnelly	Jane Nachazel
Aaron Fox, MPM	Fariba Younai, DDS	Miki Jackson	
Terry Goddard, MA		Sabel Samone-Loreca	
AJ King, MPH			DHSP STAFF
Brad Land	MEMBERS ABSENT		None
Anthony Mills, MD	Al Ballesteros, MBA		
Mario Pérez, MPH	Rev. Alejandro Escoto, MA (<i>Alt. to Rivera</i>)		
Juan Rivera	Lisa Goldstein (<i>Alt. to Mills</i>)		
Shoshanna Scholar			

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Motion 1: Approve the Agenda Order (***Passed by Consensus***).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
Motion 2: Approve the 6/22/2014 Executive Committee meeting minutes, as presented (***Passed by Consensus***).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (*Non-Agendized or Follow-Up*):** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT (*Non-Agendized or Follow-Up*):** There were no comments.
6. **DIVISION OF HIV AND STD PROGRAMS (DHSP) REPORT:** Mr. Pérez, MPH, Director, reported release of the PrEP Request for Statement of Qualifications on 6/23/2015 met the Board's 45-day deadline. Mr. Fox said providers felt the process was good.

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7. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:

A. Commission/DHSP 2015 Work Plan:

- Mr. Rosales reported most Work Plan items were ongoing including recruitment for the Commission's Executive Director position. Six candidates have applied to date of whom two met minimum requirements. Some others were being allowed to submit additional information. The bulletin was open and posted on the County's portal. The County no longer uses an executive search firm except for, e.g., department heads, but independent distribution is permitted.
- ➡ Ms. McClendon will post the Commission's Executive Director bulletin on additional recruitment portals. Mr. Fax will forward information on other recruitment portals to Ms. McClendon for posting.

B. Committee Co-Chair Election Framework:

- In addition to the Committee Co-Chairs, Mr. Johnson urged providing ample time for the Commission Co-Chair elections at the August meeting since it will be a major leadership transition.
- ➡ Commission Co-Chair candidates will have up to five minutes each to make a statement at the 8/13/2015 Commission meeting. A question/answer period and open discussion will follow statements prior to voting. Candidates are Mr. Land, Ms. Samone-Loreca and Mr. Smith. Ms. Enfield and Ms. Granados were nominated, but declined.

1) Length of Term:

- Commission Co-Chairs normally review Committee membership for adjustment in December and Committee Co-Chair nominations open in January for February elections. The Commission is working back onto that schedule, but Mr. Johnson noted several Committee Co-Chairs and At-Large Members were just recently elected. He suggested extending their terms for one year to ensure continuity while the Commission returns to its schedule.
- The Commission needed to make the final decision since it would be a conflict of interest for the Executive Committee to extend terms of its own members, but Mr. Johnson suggested a Committee recommendation.
- Mr. Cockrell noted the prior month's discussion pertaining to under-representation in leadership of some communities. He supported extending Committee Co-Chair terms to foster continuity. He recommended not extending At-Large Member terms in order to allow earlier opportunities for under-represented communities.
- Mr. King suggested extending the terms, but also expanding leadership opportunities. Mr. Johnson noted committees routinely use work groups and task forces that are largely how members develop into leaders. Committee Co-Chairs can be more intentional in ensuring members understand the opportunities.
- Caucuses have traditionally held elections on the same cycle as Committee Co-Chairs, but do not need to do so as they are specifically designed to be independent voices for their communities.
- Ms. Scholar suggested a six-month mentorship program for those considering running for a leadership position. Mr. Stalter, newly elected Operations Co-Chair, said the Committee is developing a mentorship program.
- Ms. Bivens-Davis stressed that leaders should keep service to the body top of mind. Oftentimes, questions are not answered, are incompletely answered or are answered with an attitude. People feel devalued when that occurs.
- Mr. Fox added Commission members retain the option to vote to remove a leader if there are significant concerns.
- Mr. Cockrell suggested staggering Committee Co-Chair terms much as Commission Co-Chair terms are staggered. Half of current terms could open for nominations in January 2016 and the other half in January 2017. Carrying that forward would also provide more flexibility in future should the Commission get off schedule again.
- Mr. Johnson said the purpose now was to ensure continuity for the Executive and other Committees under difficult circumstances and without an Executive Director. Deadlines must continue to be met during this transition.
- Mr. King suggested bringing the issue to the Commission without recommendations due to the conflict of interest. Messrs. Johnson and Smith felt a recommendation was necessary to provide a framework for discussion.

Motion 3: Recommend extending term length for Committee Co-Chairs and Executive At-Large members elected mid-year to 12/31/2016 (**Passed: Ayes**, Fox, Goddard, Land, Mills, Pérez, Rivera, Smith, Stalter, Younai, Johnson, Rosales; **Opposed**, King, Scholar; **Abstentions**, None).

C. County's Health Integration Update:

- Mr. Johnson reported the final draft County Health Integration Report will be presented to the Board on 8/11/2015. Commission recommendations were incorporated with HIV-related aspects added since the last draft.
- ➡ Re-initiate the Health Integration Task Force to review the final draft Report and provide feedback prior to Board presentation 8/11/2015. All were urged to read the Report. Current Task Force members are: Messrs. Goddard, Johnson, King, Land, Rosales, Smith, Will Watts and Dr. Younai. Ms. McClendon will distribute information to the full Commission so others may join, if desired, and use Survey Monkey with current members to select a meeting date.

D. National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Update - Release 7/30/2015:

- Mr. Pérez reported the White House will release the revised NHAS on 7/30/2015. Significant discussion will follow release including a live blog and at the next President's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) meeting. Notable changes were expected, e.g., increased attention to biomedical interventions, youth and racial/ethnic disparities.
- Ms. Scholar also expected syringe access will be included. The issue was raised at all listening sessions.
- Executive discussed options for educating the Commission and community about this important document. Mr. Stalter suggested a colloquium at the October meeting, but Mr. Cockrell felt a town hall would better educate the community.
- Mr. Land added the October meeting is generally the Annual Meeting. He recommended devoting that meeting to the Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) because of its complexity and its key role in funding and services over the next five years.
- ➡ Mr. Pérez and Ms. Granados will be primary speakers for a NHAS Town Hall with a report back to the Commission. Mr. Pérez will identify a date after the next PACHA meeting.

E. September Commission Meeting - Proposed Cancellation:

- Ms. McClendon confirmed no pressing issues for the September meeting. Usually one summer meeting was cancelled
- ➡ Cancel the September Commission meeting. It conflicts with the United States Conference on AIDS.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee:

1) Los Angeles County HIV Needs Assessment (LACHNA):

- Mr. Land reported PP&A heard a LACHNA update at its 7/21/2015 meeting. It does not use a combined prevention and care process. PP&A had agreed to a combined process in October 2014, but that process proved too complex.
- PP&A hoped for a November 2015 rather than June 2016 conclusion to ensure an adequate comment period since LACHNA helps inform the CHP. Options to facilitate the process, including more resources, were being reviewed.

(a) Draft Survey: The draft survey was not yet available.

2) Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Task Force:

- The CHP Task Force will meet 8/6/2015, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, to discuss the Scope of Work. Dr. Michael Green, Mr. Rosales and Claire Husted, consultant, will assist.

B. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee:

1) Revised Continuum of Care:

- Dr. Younai reported SBP's revised Continuum continues the systems planning approach while incorporating Social Determinants of Health, elements of the treatment cascade and SBP's work on service clusters including prevention services in a living document. The quantifiable flow map is reflected in a new, simpler diagram.
- Mr. Cockrell asked about Linkage to Care (LTC) which was not listed with other standards on page 6. Dr. Younai replied SBP will begin to revise standards once the baseline set is published. LTC has been incorporated into other standards, but would be developed as a service category in its own right with a new standard.
- Mr. King noted prevention services were to the left end of the flow map. He emphasized that prevention is care and care is prevention so individuals may not move through the stages in sequence, but may access multiple services at any point along the Continuum. Dr. Younai responded that the bars reflect service clusters developed with DHSP. The two columns on the left were added to increase the emphasis on prevention services.
- Mr. Land felt the revised Continuum effectively reflects the current system. As with the CHP, the Commission will continue to struggle to fully integrate care and prevention. The Continuum can be updated as progress dictates.
- Mr. Pérez felt the revised Continuum was a dynamic schematic. He noted LTC has been incorporated into services for seven years. Providers now must both test and link to care to receive full contract financial benefits. Some providers are more open to a full Continuum than others, but the HIV care/prevention silos are eroding.
- He added the system can be viewed multiple ways, e.g., HRSA requires a report on "unmet need" which it defines as those diagnosed with HIV, but out of care. From an individual perspective, on the other hand, one individual might be diagnosed and enter care directly from an emergency room having never utilized prevention services while others may utilize any combination of services over time. No schematic can reflect every combination.

Motion 4: Approve the revised Continuum of Care, as presented (***Passed by Consensus***).

C. Operations Committee:

- Mr. Stalter reported the all-day Member Orientation was being scheduled for 8/28/2015 at St. Anne's Maternity Home.

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- All Commission members are expected to attend the meeting which will offer team building and launch a mentorship program in addition to providing valuable information for new members.

1) Membership Drive - 2nd Cohort:

(a) Membership Slate:

- Mr. King reported the Membership Work Group reviewed the 16 candidates' interview scores. Available vacancies were listed and candidates matched with seats for which they qualified. Renewal candidates were matched with current seats. Some seats lacked candidates. Just two had more than one.
- Mr. Stalter added Shawn Imitates Dog is very active in the Native American community including serving as a Board Member for the Red Circle Project and working directly with tribes.
- Mr. Pérez noted the absence of an AIDS Education Training Center (AETC) representative. AETC is key in providing education resources. Dr. Younai, an AETC member, reported she will represent Part F and AETC.
- ➡ Correct 2nd Cohort Membership Slate spreadsheet, as noted: "Part E" to "Part F," correct agency name to "Los Angeles LGBT Center," identify AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Los Angeles LGBT Center as Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Motion 5: Approve the 2nd Cohort Membership Slate, as revised (***Passed by Consensus***).

D. Public Policy Committee:

- Mr. Fox reported Ms. Scholar was elected Co-Chair at the 7/22/2015 meeting.
- The Committee also discussed the new \$7.5 million in General Fund dollars. Governor Brown also came to agreement with the Legislature to move undocumented children into Medi-Cal eligibility. That move was part of Senator Lara's SB 4 which was supported by the Committee and Commission as part of the 2015 Legislative Docket.
- Another part of SB 4 would allow undocumented persons to buy into Covered California if the federal government granted California a waiver to do so. They would not be eligible for subsidies, but would likely qualify for OA-HIPP. It was unlikely that part will be implemented.
- President Obama's DACA and DAPA Executive Orders were being challenged in court. If upheld, eligible persons could apply for Medi-Cal significantly impacting Ryan White policy and programs. Public Policy will watch developments.
- Mr. Fox noted the syringe exchange access guidelines were still being finalized with some technical assistance. The Syringe Access Work Group will review the draft once it is finished.
- ➡ Mr. Land requested a Public Policy representative at the 8/6/2015 CHP Task Force meeting, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- ➡ Ms. McClendon will email the Colloquium Work Group on determining future topics. Mr. Fox relayed that Substance Abuse Prevention and Control has offered to present.

1) 2015 Legislative Docket Update:

(a) AB 521 - Support:

- Mr. Fox reported the 2015 Legislative Docket AB 521 position was originally oppose unless amended. The bill would expand routine testing in emergency rooms - normally supported by the Commission.
- Original language only required provision of written materials rather than HIV counseling and linkage to care required at other venues. That language has now been removed so Public Policy recommends support.

Motion 6: Approve the revised 2015 Legislative Docket to include support of AB 521, as presented (***Passed by Consensus***).

9. CAUCUS REPORTS:

A. Consumer Caucus:

- Mr. Donnelly announced he was elected Co-Chair. He joins Co-Chairs Ted Liso and Ms. Samone-Loreca.
- Caucus members talked with candidates for the Commission Co-Chair election at their last meeting.

B. Transgender Caucus: Mr. King reported the Caucus will focus on structure building at its 7/28/2015 meeting.

C. Youth Caucus: The next meeting topic will be LACHNA. Contact Mr. Cockrell or Grissel Granados to join.

10. NEXT STEPS: There was no additional discussion.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.